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## **AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2004, the term for response to which expires on January 6, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-4, 6-12 and 14-22 are amended, and claims 5 and 13 are maintained.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

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Amendment (17)

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the Commissioner for Patents on the date noted below.

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Dated: January 6, 2005

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